Youth's Department.

Conducted by Lottie Holsinger.

Little Things.

Scorn not the slightest word or deed,
Nor deem it void of power ;
There's fruit in each wind-wafted seed,
Waiting its natal hour.

A whispered word may touch the heart,
And call it back to life ;
A look of love bid sin depart,
And still unholy strife.

No act falls fruitless ; none can tell
How vast its power may be ;
Nor what results enfolded dwell
Within it, silently.

Work and despair not ; give thy mite,
Nor care how small it be ;
God is with all that serve the right,
The holy, true, and free !

"On the Other Side "

We go on our ways in life too much alone ;
We hold ourselves too far from all our kind ;
Too often we are dead to sigh and moan ;
Too often, to the weak and helpless, blind;
Too often, where distress and want abide,
We turn and pass upon the other side.

It should be ours the oil and wine to pour
Into the bleeding wounds of stricken ones ;
To take the smitten, and the sick and sore,
And bear them where a stream of blessing runs ;
Instead, we look about—the way is wide,
And so we pass upon the other side.

A STORY ON WORK.

Instead of a Review Lesson this week, I will tell you a little story, and ask some one to tell me the moral contained in it. Will not Bertie Snader?

"Wanted—An honest boy for office work."—This was what Willie Claxton was reading as he stood before a large wholesale house in one of our cities. Of course Willie was not the only boy that had read this sign pinned in the window, but he did not know this, and being anxious for work he timidly entered the great house and asked for the proprietor. He was shown into a large room where there was a man at a desk busily writing, he did not look up as Willie entered, and he feared he would go on writing and let him stand there. Willie was not discouraged however, for he had tried many times to get employment, and if he grew tired he had only to think of a poor dear mother and a sick sister. Presently the man raised his head and perceiving the boy standing at the door, came forward and in a kindly voice asked what he could do for him. Willie stated his circumstance and asked for work. The man looked at him and replied that he had tried a few boys but had found none to suit, he asked Willie to go with him and he would find work for him until noon at least. Willie was shown into a room where there were rows of shelves, and many boxes of books and papers lying around. The proprietor said to Willie, "Now, my little man, I want you to fix up this room. I have two other boys doing this kind of work and will decide which one I will employ, at noon, when I call for you and examine your work."

The man left him and closed the door. Willie looked about him, pulled off his coat, and seeing a large duster, he carefully dusted the large shelves, and taking one box of books at a time, he dusted each one and carefully placed them *right side up* on the shelves.

At noon when Mr. ——— called he brought with him the other two boys, and then addressing them, he said: "I have given you the same kind of work, and I will take you to the three rooms and you can tell me which one *you* would employ."

The first room entered they found all the books taken out of boxes, and all the papers placed on the shelves, in a hap-hazard way, and the boxes all in one corner. The next room had the books and papers placed on the shelves but some were upside down and in handling, dust was found on some. When they came to Willies' room they found that what had been done, was done well. The books on examination were found to be in proper order, and no dust to be found on any.

Now, said Mr. ———, the work you see here is finished, this boy can leave this and go on to something else, while he may not have gone over so much ground as you have, nevertheless, what you did this morning will require the afternoon to complete. If you were in my place, which boy would you prefer; and would you rather pay for finished or half finished work? Our little friend received a permanent situation. To-day he is manager of a large wholesale establishment and when he employs help he first discovers the way in which they do their work.

Report of our Dewdrop fund for week ending Sept. 24.

Minnie Rubert	- -	.10
A friend	- - -	.25
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Letters from the Children.

Dear Lottie :

I would like to help the Dewdrop corner, but I cannot write very good yet. I hope you will excuse me. I am seven years old, and go to school every day. I read in the first reader. I enclose ten cents in this letter. I saw your papa. He stayed all night at my grandpapa Hershberger's, where I live. My name is MINNIE RUBERT.

Louisville, O.

Papa told me of the little girl he met. Your letter sounds well for a little girl's first attempt, and I assure you, Minnie, it gives pleasure to "Aunt Lottie" to read all those little words that are so carefully written. Your desire to assist in our work should be encouraged. May our Father bless the little helping hands.

Friend Lottie :

I read so many of these little letters, I thought I would write one, too. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. My teacher's name is Mr. S. A. Snook ; I like him very well. Our Sunday school is getting larger every Sunday. There are twenty in our class. Our Superintendent is Mr. Wm Crofford. I like him very much. I go to free school ; my studies are reading, spelling, arithmetic, geography and grammar. I am in the third reader. I go every day. Our school started on the first of September and will close in May. I hope to see it in the EVANGELIST. I think it is very nice to sit down and write a letter. I will close my letter for the first attempt.

EDWIN B. VICKROY.

Johnstown, Pa.

I am glad to hear from you, Edwin. Papa has been visiting near your home, and has told me of many little folks he has met. That is right, when you do anything, try to enjoy it.

"Please, Papa, Come Home."

A scene occurred recently in front of a "lunch room", on Broad Street, says the Providence Journal, which caused tears to flow from the eyes of many of the ladies who happened to be standing by. A well-dressed, genteel appearing man, and a tidy looking girl of about fifteen years, came up Bennett street, and it was noticed that the child was weeping while the father was swearing at a furious rate. It seems that the child had taken the drunken father's pocket book for safe keeping, as he was entering every drinking saloon he came to. He swore at her and said:

"Mamie, give me that pocket-book !" The child replied:

"But, father, what will mother do for food for breakfast? You have taken every cent from the house, and remember, Gracie is ill; and mother could not send for the doctor, as she had no money. Oh, *please*, papa, *come home with me* ! You promised Gertie when she was dying that you would not drink again."

At this point the father completely broke down and wept like a child, and kissed his little Mamie, and said: "Yes, dear, I do remember, and I will go home with you now."

He covered his face with his hands, and moaned, "O Gertie, Gertie ! Hark ! Mamie, I can hear her sweet voice saying to me, 'Papa, dear papa, you will always love Mamie, and stop drinking.' Yes, dear, I will go home ; come !"

When the dialogue ended, there was many a stout heart that could not hold back the tears, but said "Amen", to that new resolve on the part of the father, and praised the courage of the child.

Alas how many homes are shadowed with a like affliction ! How many promises have been made by death beds, to be forgotten amid the clamors of appetite and the delirium of intoxication. How many wives watch over their sick ones, heart-broken and desolate, while those who should protect them and care for them, led captive by Satan and his will, are wasting their substance in drunkenness and debauchery. It is fearful to stand and watch the strong, the loved, the noble, as they sink in the quick-sand of intemperance; and every such example teaches us the solemn lesson that the only safe position is upon the firm and solid ground of total abstinence from all that can intoxicate. If the man who takes the first glass could see himself as he will be *when he takes the last one*, he would need no warning, but would flee from the tempter before the serpent had so twined itself about him that resistance was vain, and escape impossible.

The Snow Prayer.

A little girl went out to play, one day, in the snow, and when she came in she said:

"Mamma, I couldn't help praying when I was out at play."

"What did you pray, my dear?"

"I prayed the snow-prayer, mamma, that I learned once in Sabbath school: 'Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow !'"

What a beautiful prayer ! And here is a promise to go with it, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow." And what can wash them white? The Bible answers, "They have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

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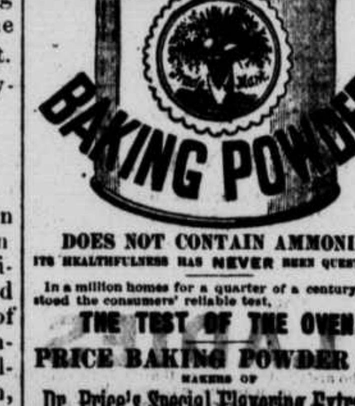

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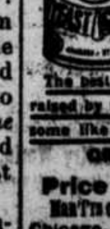

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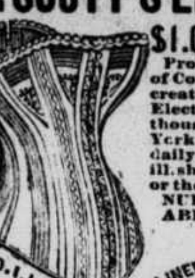

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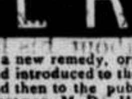

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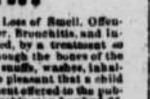

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